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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

Documents AA and AJ were cited in a Taiwanese Office Action dated February 25, 2003. A copy of the Office Action is also attached. Documents AF through AJ were cited in an International Search Report dated December 25, 2001. A copy of the International Search Report is also attached.

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